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1. ALL OF THE MORNING EDITIONS PLAY ON THE SAME THEME THAT TODAY IS THE DEADLINE SET BY THE TUPAMAROS TO EXECUTE DAN MITRIONE.

(2) 2. THE PRO-ADMINISTRATION BLANCO PAPER "EL PAIS" HEADLINES: "THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY MAINTAINS ITS POSITION--THEY WILL PRESENT PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE DEATH PENALTY--THEY ANNOUNCEH HAT AT NOON THEY WILL ASSASINATE MITRIONE."

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3. "EL PAIS" CARRIES A STORY TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE IS TENSION ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THE KIDNAPPING THE PAPER HAS STORIES ON THE CAPTURE OF THREE MORE TUPAMAROS, THE INTERROGATION OF A DOCTOR WHO WAS SUSPECTED OF HAVING OPERATED ON MITRIONE, THE POSSIBLE USE OF SODIUM PENTHOL TO QUESTION TUPAMAROS HELD, AND THE APPEAL BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF MONTEVIDEO FOR THE LIVES OF THE THREE MEN.

4. ON THE GOVERNMENT SIDE "EL PAIS" CARRIES STORIES ON LAST NIGHT'S MEETING HELD BY PACHECO WITH HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE CABINET, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR ADAIR, ARGENTINA'S SUPPORT FOR THE PACHECO ADMINISTRATION AND THE PRESSURE BRAZIL IS APPLYING ON URUGUAY.

5. THE PAPER SAYS EDITORIALLLY THAT THE SEARCH OF THE HOSPITAL DE CLINICAS BY THE POLICE LOOKING FOR MITRIONE WAS NECESSARY AND THAT WHETHER THE UNIVERSITY LIKES IT OR NOT ALL MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN TO STOP THOSE WHO WOULD DESTROY THE REPUBLIC.

6. "EL DIA", THE COLORADO PARTY PAPER HAS AS ITS HEADLINE: "TERRIBLE MESSAGE OF THE REBELS."

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7. MTHE PAPER FRONT PAGES THE STATEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER PEIRANO FACIO THAT "THE SITUATION IS GRAVE." ON THE OTHER PAGES PROMINENTLY PLACED IS A SORRY QUOTING THE TUPAMARO LEADER SENDIC THAT THE KIDNAPPERS ARE IN PLACES INVULNERABLE. ANOTHER ITEM IS THE LARGE SCALE EFFORTS BY THE POLICE TO LOCATE THE THREE MEN. AND, FINALLY, THE STORY CLAIMING DEEP PREMWEUPATION IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES.

8. V"XL DIA" REPORTS ALSO THAT VICE PRESIDENT ABDALA IS TRYING TO DZRANGE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TUPAMAROS AND THE GOVERNMENT.

9. THE PAPER' EDITORIAL SUPPORTS THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION OF NO EXCHANGESGHD ADDS THAT IF IT AGVEPTED THE EXCHANGE THE GOVERNMENTIXOULD BE ADOPTING THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE REBELS. AS TO THE PRESSURE BEING APPLIED BY BRAZIL, THE EDITORIAL SAYS THAT OUR NEIGHBOR MUST UNDERSTAND THERE IS NO OTHER WAY FOR US TO GO IF WE ARE TO DEFEND OUR FREE INSTITUTIONS.

10. THE ANTI-MERICAN "EL DEBATE" HEADLINES:H"MIT-IONE: THEY WILL EXECUTE HIM TODAY AT NOON".

11. COVERAGE OF THE STORY ON OTHER PAGES INCLUDES AN ITEM ON SENDIC WHICH CLAIMS THAT THE IMPRISONMENT OF SENDIC HAS CREATED FALSE EXPECTIATIONS. "EL DEBATE" ALSO MAINTAINS THAT THE 5XX "ARETLINE"MOF THE GOVERNMENT IS BENEFICIAL TO THE TUPAMAROS.

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12. THE COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY "EL POPULAR" CARRIES THE HEADLINE: "MITRIONE WILL BE EXECUTED AT NOODZ."

13. AMONG THE STORIES CARRIED ON THE THREE KIDNAPPED MEN ARE: THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT THAT THERE WILLHPE NO EXCHANGE, POLICE INTEND TO DRUG REBELS BEING HELD AND BRAZIL HAS MOBILIZED ITS POLICE AND ARMY.

14. THE PAPER EDITORIALLY SAYS THAT MITRIONE IS A MEMBWO OF THE F.B.I. AND THAT THERE ARE A DOZEN MEMBERS OF THE F..I. IN URUGUAY AS WELL AS AMERICAN POLICE.

15. "BP COLOR", THE CATHOLIC DAILY, HEADLINES: "THEY ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THEY WILL KILL MITRIONE."

16. THE PAPER PLAYS BIG THE THRE
LETTERS SENT FROM
THE CAPTIVES TO THEIR VIVEUNM IT ALSO HAS AMPLE COVERAGE OF THE LARGE SCALE POLICE SEARCHES BEING CARRIED OUT. "BP COLOR" POINTS OUT THAT THE TUPAMAROS CAPTURED WERE GOING TO DECIDE THE FATE OF THE THREE MEN.

17. IT ALSO HAS A STORY ON BRAZIL PRESSU
MNG
PACHECO EFD THE ALERT OF BRAZILPEB POLICE AND TROOPS.

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13. EDITORIALLY THE PAPER RIDICULES SENDIC'S POSITION THAT HE IS A PRISONER OF WAR.

19. "LA MANANA", THE COLORADO PARTY PAPER, HAS THE HEADLINE: "THEY THREATYJTO KILL HIM TODAY -- THERE WOULD BE THE DEATH PENALTY."

20. THE PAPER HAS THE FOLLOWING STORIES ON THE CURRENT SITUATION: REBEL LEADER ZODEVYIN IS ACCUSED OF TWO DEATHS,V THE THREE PCAPIVES SENT LETTERS, BRAZIL PROHIZ TS INFORMA-O TIOOOABOUT THE KIDNAPPED MEN IN RADIOFIND TELEVISION.

21. THE PAPER'S EDITORIAL MAINTAINS THAT TERRORISM IS NOT NEW HERE AXXSTHAT IT IS A WORLDWIDE PROBLEM. IT GOES ON TO SAY THAT THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND OR THIRD POSITION -- THAT ONE MUST TAKE A POSITION IN THE CURRENT SITUATION.

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